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- A.—(a) The post was sanctioned temporarily by the Secretary of State in July 1919 and an officer was appointed to the post on the 16th May 1921. His period of contract expired on the 15th May 1925.
- (b) The officer was appointed to investigate diseases affecting rubber. The entire cost of the officer was met by the United Planters Association of Southern India to whom his services were lent during the period of his contract.

UNSTARRED QUESTIONS.

Civil Justice.

Local limits of jurisdiction of the District Courts at Chittoor and North Arcot.

61 Q.—MR. A. RANGANATHA MUDALIYAR: Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state why the revenue limits of the Chittoor and North Arcot districts have been departed from in fixing the local limits of jurisdiction to the District Courts at Chittoor and North Arcot respectively?

A.—The revenue limits have been departed from on considerations of language, convenience of litigants and distribution of work among judicial officers.

Electricity.

Hydro-electric schemes.

62 Q.—MR. T. ADINARAYANA CHEPPELAK: Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state—

- (a) whether Government have come to any final decision as regards the Pykara hydro-electric scheme;
- (b) whether it is a fact that Government are deputing somebody to Europe to study the subject of hydro-electric schemes;
- (c) if so, the expenses incurred or likely to be incurred in connexion with such deputation;
- (d) whether it is not possible to procure the services of an expert locally otherwise than by deputing somebody to Europe to study the subject;
- (e) whether Government are aware there is an expert in hydro-electricity in the service of the South Indian Railway Company; and
- (f) if so, whether Government have any idea of securing his services for the Pykara scheme?

A.—(a) Negotiations are still in progress.

(b) No. The Electrical Inspector is being allowed to visit various engineering firms during his leave, but his studies will cover all kinds of electrical engineering.

(c) to (f) Do not therefore arise.

Licence to the Electric Supply Companies at Kanadukathan and Karaikudi.

63 Q.—MR. P. N. MARTHANDAM PILLAI: Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state—

- (a) whether it is a fact that an Electric Supply Corporation is now working under the grant of a licence at Kanadukathan and whether they have applied for a further licence for extending the sphere of their operation;

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Mr. J. A. SALDANHA :—“ Will the Government be pleased to state why only one village panchayat in the South Kanara district has been entrusted with the work of looking after forests ? ”

Education.

Educational grant to schools in Ramnad district.

*48 Q.—Mr. A. CHIDAMBARA NADAR : Will the hon. the Minister for Education be pleased to state—

(a) whether it is a fact that the Provincial grant for education for schools in the Ramnad district has been reduced this year ; and

(b) if so, whether there has been proportionate distribution of grants to schools in Ramnad district ?

A.—(a) The provision made in the budget estimate for 1925-26 for the payment of teaching grants to aided elementary schools has not yet been distributed among the several District Educational Councils. The amount placed at the disposal of the District Educational Council, Ramnad, for the payment of teaching grants in the year 1924-25 was Rs. 1,34,268 as against Rs. 1,18,082 in 1923-24.

(b) Does not arise.

Fostering of new University centres.

*49 Q.—Mr. J. A. SALDANHA : Will the hon. the Minister for Education be pleased to state—

(a) by what means under the operation of the Madras University Act new University centres are fostered ;

(b) what special grant have Government sanctioned to the colleges at Trichinopoly and Mangalore with a view to foster an embryo university life in them ;

(c) whether there is any town in the Andhra country with more colleges and with more scholars in the college department than there are at Trichinopoly or Mangalore ;

(d) if the answer to the last question is in the negative, what justification there is for the Andhra country to have a separate University in preference to Trichinopoly or Mangalore ; and

(e) what form the Andhra University will take—(i) whether it will be on the model of the present Madras University Act, or (ii) on the model of the recent University Act superseded by the present Act ?

A.—(a) The attention of the hon. Member is invited to sections 27 (1) (f) and 53 of the Madras University Act (1923) and the Preamble to the Act.

(b) The colleges referred to are given the usual grants with reference to the provisions of the Grant-in-Aid Code.

(c) The attention of the hon. Member is invited to the Subsidiary table No. 1 (a) appended to Volume II of the Report on Public Instruction for 1923-24.

(d) & (e) The information may be gathered from the Andhra University Bill and the Statement of Objects and Reasons which will be published shortly.

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(d) whether the Government are not aware of the fact that the village in question being very near the sea the disrepair into which the left flood-bank has fallen is likely to allow of the inundation of the surrounding lands by the flow of sea water during high tides; and

(e) whether anything has been done so far to mete out justice to the pattadars under reference and if not whether the Government propose to consider their case favourably after due investigation into the matter?

A.—(a) Yes.

(b) & (c) The Government have no information, except that all the breaches made by the floods in 1924 have been closed.

(d) & (e) The proposals made by the Cauvery Committee for the improvement of drainage in this area are being taken up in order—but the particular point raised by the hon. Member will be referred to the Chief Engineer.

Police.

Suspension of traffic, etc., during His Excellency the Viceroy's journey through Mettupalaiyam.

65 Q.—Mr. T. ADINARAYANA CHETTIYAR: Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state—

(a) whether it is a fact that on 26th April 1925 when His Excellency Lord Lytton passed through Mettupalaiyam on his way from Ootacamund the police ordered all shops to be closed and stopped all traffic, including pedestrians in the streets, for several hours before His Excellency actually passed through the town;

(b) whether it is a fact that police constables were posted on the roofs of houses at Mettupalaiyam on that day;

(c) whether it is a fact that several shop-keepers at Mettupalaiyam were asked to give a written undertaking to the police that they would have the front doors of their houses shut and that nobody would be seen in the upstairs verandas of the houses;

(d) whether it is a fact that in some instances the police constables on duty had the outside doors of residential houses shut and retained the keys until after His Excellency had safely passed through the town; and

(e) if so, who are responsible for the above?

A.—(a) No shops were ordered to be closed and no shops were in fact closed. Pedestrian traffic was stopped on the Mettupalaiyam road at 6 p.m., half an hour before His Excellency the Viceroy passed. It was resumed shortly afterwards.

Vehicular traffic was diverted at Mettupalaiyam toll-gate after 3-15 p.m. but exceptions were made at the discretion of the Deputy Superintendent of Police on duty.

(b) No.

(c) Residents of houses and shops abutting the road were asked to be good enough to assist in the protection of His Excellency by taking care that only persons personally known to them were admitted to their houses during the progress of His Excellency. Nobody misunderstood this very reasonable request and all residents co-operated readily with those entrusted with the care of His Excellency.

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No written or oral undertakings were taken from anybody and no front doors were shut. Spectators and residents gathered on the verandas of shops and houses and upstairs too to catch a glimpse of His Excellency.

(d) No.

(e) The question does not arise.

Reservation of certain vacancies to Provincial Service (Police).

66 Q.—Mr. A. RANGANATHA MUDALIYAR: Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state whether the two vacancies arising out of the retirement on proportionate pension of Messrs. C. W. Dean and A. Swire were earmarked in G.O. No. 816, Judicial, dated 30th June 1922, for the Provincial Service, to make up the four Superintendents' posts reserved for it, and whether one or more of the posts still remain unfilled, and if so, from what date?

A.—The intention of the Government is to work up to the 11 per cent of superior posts allotted to the Provincial service at the earliest opportunity. Mr. Deane's vacancy was permanently filled by a provincial service man. Mr. Swire's vacancy remains unfilled since 24th November 1924 owing to certain protests received by Government; the matter is under consideration.

Minor Irrigation.

Repair of a tank in Dharmapuri taluk.

67 Q.—Mr. C. D. APPAYO SHETTY: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(a) whether it is a fact that a tank bearing Survey Nos. 650 and 651 in Chikkadoranabettam village in Dharmapuri taluk, Salem district, is in a very bad condition;

(b) whether the public of the Dharmapuri taluk have sent in a memorial;

(c) whether the Government sanctioned or prepared an estimate for its repair some two or three years back;

(d) whether that has been carried out up till now; if not, why not; and

(e) whether they propose doing anything in the matter?

A.—The Government have no information in regard to the several clauses of the question except that no such estimate as that referred to in clause (c) has been before the Government.

Leave and Holidays.

Certain concessions under the Fundamental Rules.

68 Q.—Sriman SASIBHUSHAN RATH Mahasayo: With reference to answers to question 206 in the Legislative Council meeting held on Saturday, the 7th February 1925, will the hon. the Member for Finance be pleased to state—

(a) why the concession under rule 81 has been taken away only from officers governed by the Indian Service Leave Rules while it has been allowed to stand in the case of officers governed by the Special Leave Rules; and

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(b) why the option of reverting to the old leave rules has not been allowed to subordinates who have already elected the new leave rules after the concession allowed in the note to F.L.R. No. 87-B has been withdrawn as was done when Fundamental Rule 81 was amended, and whether, in view of the fact that this change has adversely affected the interest of all Government servants drawing Rs. 300 and less, the Government propose to allow the option to revert to the old rules as a matter of right?

A.—(a) The attention of the hon. Member is invited to the reply given to clause (f) of question No. 206 on 7th February 1925. In the case of officers governed by the Special Leave Rules, no amendment to Fundamental Rule 81 was made since under the old Civil Service Regulations Rules, officers governed by the European service leave rules were entitled to furlough on average salary for a total period not exceeding one year during their service. Officers governed by the Indian service leave rules were not entitled to this concession. In these circumstances, the Government do not consider it necessary to address the Government of India.

(b) The matter is under correspondence with the Government of India.

Local Boards and Municipal Councils.

Repair of roads damaged by the floods in South Kanara.

69 Q.—Mr. J. A. SALDANHA: Will the hon. the Minister for Local Self-Government be pleased to place before the House a statement showing—

(a) the several grants for repair of damage to roads caused by floods in South Kanara in 1923 and 1924;

(b) how each of the grants has been spent and what is the balance left;

(c) what more amounts have been applied for and sanctioned or refused; and

(d) how many applications, if any, for further grants are pending?

A.—(a) The District Board was given the following grants for the repair of damage to trunk roads caused by floods:—

	RS.
(1) Redecking the Panemangalore bridge ...	30,000
(2) Advance grant for the repair of trunk roads.	40,000
(3) Grant for the repair of trunk roads ...	27,097
Total ...	97,097

(b) The Government have no information.

(c) The President applied for a total grant of Rs. 2,94,677. Besides the grants already sanctioned it is proposed to give Rs. 30,000 more during the current year for the repair of damage to second-class roads.

(d) None.

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Nominations to local boards.

70 Q.—MR. J. A. SALDANHA: Will the hon. the Minister for Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(a) whether Government have passed any orders as to the scope of the law in making nominations to local boards; and

(b) whether Government contemplate any amendment of the law in order to place the interests of backward, depressed and other minorities beyond the arbitrary exercise of powers by district board authorities?

A.—(a) The answer is in the affirmative.

(b) The Government propose to frame rules providing wherever possible for the adequate representation of minorities and backward and depressed classes by nomination.

Alleged high-handed action of the President of Tiruturaipundi taluk board.

71 Q.—MR. T. ADINARAYANA CHETTIYAR: Will the hon. the Minister for Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(a) whether Government have received any petition containing allegations regarding certain high-handed actions of the President, Tiruturaipundi taluk board;

(b) if so, what action was taken thereon by Government in the first instance;

(c) whether the petitioner again resubmitted his petition;

(d) if so, on what grounds;

(e) what action has been taken on the resubmitted petition;

(f) whether the President of the taluk board referred to has been given the chance of offering his explanation on the allegations;

(g) the name of the petitioner;

(h) what orders have been finally passed by Government on the petition; and

(i) whether Government will be pleased to place the whole correspondence on the table of this House?

A.—(a) The answer is in the affirmative.

(b) to (h) Orders were passed in G.O. No. 1893, L. & M., dated 1st June 1925, a copy of which is placed on the table.*

(i) The answer is in the negative.

Medical.*The location of the Leprosy Hospital in Rayapuram.*

72 Q.—S. R. Y. ANKINEDU PRASAD Bahadur: Will the hon. the Minister for Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(a) whether the Leprosy Hospital in Rayapuram is situated far nearer to dwelling houses than the Infectious Diseases Hospital recently opened at Tondiarpet; if not, why he has consented to allow the Corporation to locate this hospital in the midst of residents of Tondiarpet;

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(b) whether the Madras Corporation obtained the permission of the Government before selecting the site in Tondiarpet upon which the present Infectious Diseases Hospital has been constructed;

(c) whether any contribution towards its expenses was made by the Government; and

(d) whether the Government previously inquired if the site selected would be a suitable one for the location of such a hospital before the contribution, if any, was sanctioned?

A.—(a) The answer to the first part is in the affirmative. The second part does not arise.

(b) No permission is necessary. The selection was reported to Government.

(c) The answer is in the negative.

(d) The answer is in the affirmative.

The Government Leper Hospital, Madras.

73 Q.—Sriman SASIBHUSHAN RATH Mahasayo: Will the hon. the Minister for Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(a) whether the Government Leper Hospital, Madras, has been removed to the Tirumalli Leper Settlement;

(b) whether there is any other hospital in Madras for the treatment of lepers; and

(c) whether the Government propose to open any out-patient dispensary for lepers in Madras and if so, in what centres?

A.—(a) The answer is in the affirmative.

(b) The answer is in the negative.

(c) An out-patient dispensary has been opened at the Government Rayapuram Hospital from 1st May 1925 for the treatment of leper patients.

Public Health.

Compulsory vaccination in Tirupur.

74 Q.—Mr. T. ADINARAYANA CHETTIYAR: Will the hon. the Minister for Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(a) whether Government are aware that an eight months' old child of Mr. J. S. Mahadeva Rao, Tirupur, was compulsorily vaccinated on 26th April 1925 in spite of the protests of the father;

(b) whether the child immediately and as a result of the vaccination got high fever and fits and died;

(c) whether Government have enquired into the causes which have resulted in this mishap; and

(d) whether Government have any objection to exempt children from vaccination when the parents have serious objection to vaccination?

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- A.—(a) A complaint to this effect was received from Mr. J. S. Mahadeva Rao on the 22nd May 1925. Subsequent reports received from the Chairman, Municipal Council, Tirupur, and the Director of Public Health show that a notice in the usual form was issued to Mr. Mahadeva Rao to get the child vaccinated; that a suitable day, i.e., 26th April 1925, was fixed for vaccination at his own request; that the child was held by him when the operation was performed.
- (b) The child was vaccinated at about 8 a.m. on the 26th April 1925. At about mid-day (26th) the child had fever. It had convulsions on the 27th and died on the 29th of April at about 11–30 p.m. The Lady Apothecary and the Assistant Surgeon who attended on the child and the Assistant Director of Public Health who conducted the inquiry are of opinion that the child died of disease not connected with vaccination.
- (c) The answer is in the affirmative.
- (d) Neglect on the part of the parent or guardian to take or cause a child to be vaccinated is punishable under the existing law only when such neglect is without 'reasonable excuse' and not otherwise.

Co-operative Societies.

Registration of co-operative reclamation societies.

75 Q.—Mr. T. ADINARAYANA CHETTIAR: Will the hon. the Minister for Development be pleased to state—

- (a) whether co-operative reclamation societies are registered by the Co-operative Department in consultation with the Collector of the district or independently of him;
- (b) whether the loans to such reclamation societies are distributed from time to time to the Co-operative Department by the Government under the head "Allotment for loans under the Land Improvement Loans Act" or whether the Co-operative Department has any separate allotment in the budget as in the case of loans to house-building societies, for distribution as loans to land-reclamation co-operative societies; and
- (c) whether it is a fact that the hon. the Minister for Development has not asked for a separate budget allotment for provision of loans to land-reclamation co-operative societies, and if so, the reason why he has not done so?

- A.—(a) The societies are registered by the Registrar in consultation with the revenue officers of the district.
- (b) Loans to land-reclamation societies are distributed from the allotment made for loans under the Land Improvement Loans Act.
- (c) As the officers of the Co-operative and Revenue departments are working in close touch with one another in the matter of land reclamation, a separate allotment of funds is considered unnecessary.